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The Honorable Greg Nickels  
Mayor, City of Seattle  
600 Fourth Avenue  
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Seattle, WA 98104

Attn: Regina LaBelle

Dear Mayor Nickels,

I am writing to offer my thoughts about the role Gary Zarker has played during his term as Superintendent of Seattle City Light. I have observed City Light for many years, both as an employee for over a decade, and as a member of the environmental community

In my view, Superintendent Zarker has shown clear, reliable leadership in maintaining City Light's commitment to energy conservation, renewable energy, and environmental protection. He came to a utility which very much needed an unequivocal reaffirmation of those values from its Superintendent, and he quickly and clearly provided it. That affirmation has continued throughout his term.

Zarker's term has coincided with a rough period for energy conservation in the region. Since 1994 most public utilities in the region have chosen courses of action which have crippled an effective regional energy conservation program. In most cases, utilities either expressed outright hostility to conservation or quietly cut their efforts to anemic levels.

Seattle was a leader among the progressive utilities which bucked this short-sighted trend. Despite tough financial times, Seattle City Light actively maintained its conservation programs. All of Seattle's city government can justly take credit for supporting conservation during this difficult period, including successive Mayors and members of the City Council. But I believe that Superintendent Zarker's active support has been crucial to maintenance of this program.

City Light's role in the promotion of clean, renewable energy and in stewardship of the environment has also been very good, and again, I credit Superintendent Zarker for setting a positive and constructive tone. These are vital issues for our community and his support has been clear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Fiddler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" at the beginning.

Richard Fiddler